

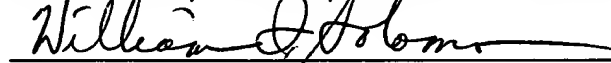
lock chambers has a function of an unload lock chamber. Noting, for example, elements 5 and 6 of Fig. 1, disclosed, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10, and second full paragraph on page 10, of Applicants' specification, it is respectfully submitted that this amendment of claim 2 does not constitute new matter.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.30414V16) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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